

**FIREFIGHTER**

**DEFINITION**

To participate in fire suppression and fire prevention activities; to respond to emergency situations and provide medical assistance; to operate and maintain a variety of fire apparatus, firefighting and rescue equipment; to assist in the maintenance of equipment and the fire station.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives direct supervision from a Fire Captain and/or Engineer.

Receives functional and technical supervision from Fire Engineer and senior firefighter personnel as assigned.

**EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS** - *Essential functions may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Respond to emergency fire, rescue, medical aid and public service calls; operate equipment and apparatus and perform essential fire suppression and rescue functions.

Clean, inspect, and maintain apparatus and equipment; make minor adjustments and repairs.

Assist in returning all apparatus and equipment to in-service condition following any alarm or detail.

Participate in the cleaning and maintenance of station quarters, equipment, and apparatus.

Learn and observe department rules and regulations.

Follow all orders and directions immediately, complying with the intent and content of such orders and directions.

Follow any pre-planned methods of operation as they apply to the type, location and conditions of an emergency.

Participate in fire drills, fire training sessions, and exercises.

Assist in fire prevention activities as assigned.

Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Knowledge Of:**

Principles, practices, and procedures of modern fire suppression and prevention.

Operation and maintenance of various apparatus and equipment used in modern firefighting activities.

Medical aid, rescue, and resuscitation equipment practices.

Principles and practices of hazardous materials response.

Principles and practices of basic report writing.

Proper English usage, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

**Ability To:**

Operate, maintain, and repair fire equipment and apparatus.

Drive and operate a fire engine or safety vehicle.

Think clearly and effectively in emergency situations.

Respond to alarms and promptly obey all orders given by Fire Captain or superior officer.

Learn local geography, including the location of water mains, fire hydrants, and target areas of the City.

Learn pertinent federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and guidelines relevant to assigned duties.

Understand and follow City personnel rules and Fire Department rules and regulations.

Meet accepted standards of adequate physical endurance, agility, health and vision.

Prepare clear and concise reports and other written documents.

Participate in fire prevention and public education activities in the community.

Communicate clearly and tactfully, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with all those contacted in the performance of required duties.

**Meet the Following Physical and Mental Requirements:**

Mobility to work in emergency and non-emergency settings.

Lift or carry weight of 110 pounds.

Climb ladders and work from elevated positions.

Walk, stand or sit for long periods of time, including driving.

Operate a motor vehicle and fire apparatus.

Strength and stamina to perform fire service duties.

Vision to meet department standards.

Hearing and speech to communicate in person or over communications equipment.

Know and understand all aspects of the job and observe safety rules; analyze problem equipment; identify safety hazards; locate equipment; interpret work orders; remember how to operate equipment.

**Experience and Training Guidelines:**

*Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:*

**Experience:**

Three (3) years continuous experience with an organized fire department.

**Training:**

Graduation from high school or equivalent.

**License or Certificate:**

Possession of a valid State of California Class B operator's license.

Possession of a valid First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation cards.

Possession of a State of California Certified Firefighter I Certificate.

***This class specification lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbents may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document.***

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